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Commonwealth Premiers Agree

Declaration of Prime Ministers at London Conference Favors International Organization, Canadian View Prevails

A declaration of the Prime Ministers' conference in London, has affirmed the war purpose, and is ranked with the Atlantic charter in its world wide significance.

A joint statement signed by Churchill, W. L. Mackenzie King, Curtin of Australia, Fraser of New Zealand and Smuts of South Africa, was issued at the conclusion of the conference.

After a tribute to the fighting forces and Allied Nations the statement was made: "No one who marches with us shall be abandoned. We shall continue in the general war with the utmost of our strength. We shall hold back nothing to bring to the speediest end the agony of mankind."

"We are unitedly resolved to continue, shoulder to shoulder with our Allies, all needful exertion which will aid our fleets, armies and air forces during the war, and therefore to make sure of an enduring peace. We trust and pray that victory, which will certainly be won, will carry with it a sense of hope and freedom for all the world. It is our aim that, when the storm and passion of war have passed away, all countries now overrun by the enemy shall be free to decide for themselves their future form of democratic government."

Mutual respect and honest conduct between nations is our chief desire. "We affirm that after the war a world organization to maintain peace and security should be set up and endowed with necessary power and authority to prevent aggression and violence."

The Canadian Prime Minister's view in support of an international organization to embrace all like-minded nations, and against all forms of empire centralization, has been stated on this side of the water and was repeated just as clearly in London. He made his position plain at all stages of the conference.

Australia's position was less clear at the outset. There was insistence on an international organization as opposed to a single Commonwealth voice, but in the same moment she advocated an empire secretariat. The secretariat was for the purpose of enhancing Australia's influence in London. But the secretariat idea was discarded.

Commenting on the conference, Blair Fraser in the Financial Post says: "The Empire Prime Minister's conference ended this week with a triumph for Canada and the Canadian viewpoint, beyond the expectations of the most optimistic prior to its commencement. It is not too much to say that the Canadian position has proved to be the only feasible compromise to reconcile the divergencies among other Commonwealth viewpoints. Thus the conference as a whole arrived at conclusions highly agreeable to Canada, without the Canadian delegation having to stand alone in insisting upon them."

Postponement To Those Essential

A. MacNamara of Selective Services, Advises Farmers to Take Advantage of Workers Obtainable

A. MacNamara in an announcement respecting farm labor says: "Mobilization Boards are giving postponement of military training to farm workers of military age who apply for such a postponement. If they are engaged in essential agricultural work. Practically no applications are refused. Farmers should see that men of military age working for them obtain an authorized postponement immediately by writing for it to the Registrar of the nearest Mobilization Board. You have recently received a post-card giving further particulars in this regard. If farmers interest themselves in this matter, it will be helpful because there would be great value in having farmers' sons and farm workers in possession of an official postponement."

"Another move to help farmers is this: arrangements have been made to permit certain groups of soldiers and airmen to assist with farm work during the coming months, subject to certain conditions. If there is now serving in Canada any member of your family in the Army or the Air Force, or in the case of the Army, any other person who might be willing to assist you on the farm, you should write to them asking them to make application for leave to their Commanding Officer. It should be understood, of course, that leave can only be granted when the necessities of the service concerned permit."

"The arrangements between the Dominion Government and each province to assist in locating workers and transferring them from district to district, to make available the services of students, and to give help in overcoming labour shortages in a variety of other ways, are being put into effect once again. Local farm production committees are again being formed under these arrangements. You are urged to please co-operate with and consult the secretary of the committee nearest to you. Under these Dominion-Provincial Agreements the Dominion and the Provinces divide expenses equally."

Mrs. Boose honoured on 70th Birthday

Over twenty friends and neighbors met at the home of Mrs. Boose on May 23rd to extend best wishes to her on her seventieth birthday. A programme arranged by Mrs. Clements and Mrs. Hagerman was comprised of the following numbers. After a welcome song and an address of welcome was given by Mrs. W. Todd, Mrs. Clements made a few remarks about Mrs. Boose coming to this country in 1909 first settling at Nanton for three months, prior to locating at their present home; how she had been the first president of the Kirkcaldy W. I. which was organized twenty-two years ago, and retained that position for a number of years. She also played a very active part in Sunday school work, always teaching a class of young girls, and has always been an active and willing worker in community affairs.

On behalf of her friends, Mrs. A. J. Maisey presented Mrs. Boose with a lovely Bible after which little Betty Hollister sang, "Happy Birthday" and presented Mrs. Boose with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The guest of honor thanked her friends for their kindness and expressed her appreciation at having so many call on her during the day. All joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" and favorite songs such as "Paddy's Own Canoe" and "Smile Awhile." Two contests were held, the winners being Mrs. Robbie, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Bert Maisey. A reading by Miss Ware "The Last Hymn" was greatly enjoyed.

Reminiscences of the olden days by Mrs. Hagerman, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. A. J. Maisey and Kathleen Colwell brought back many happy memories. "Auld Lang Syne" brought the program to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. Boose were seated at the tea table which was centred with a birthday cake topped with candles. Mrs. Will Todd and Mrs. Clements poured tea assisted by several of the ladies.

Before blowing out the candles Mrs. Boose wished that she be given another party on her eightieth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boose thanked everyone for a pleasant afternoon.

Mr. Boose celebrated his seventieth birthday on Friday, May 26.

Vulcan Wins 6-5

On Wed. night, May 31st Vulcan Aces defeated the men of the Maintenance Section, No. 19 SFTS in a very interesting game of Softball.

The game was close throughout the seven innings, Vulcan winning by 6-5 score.

This game was not very well attended by town citizens. It is hoped in future that a larger crowd will be in attendance especially when games are played in Vulcan. There will be a game here on Sunday at 7 p.m. The Aces VS the Air Force personnel living in Vulcan.

Why not Back the local boys and girls?



Sqn. Ldr. Fred Y. Craig

The many friends of Squadron Leader Fred Y. Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Craig joined his family in rejoicing at his return to Canada on a 30 day furlough after three years spent with the R.C.A.F. overseas. Fred, who is very modest about the part he has taken even in the early days of repaying "Jerry" for his bombing of England was mentioned in despatches for his part in the first all-out raid of Cologne. He was also in many other outstanding attacks including raids on Essen, Rostock, Lebeck and many other German industrial centres. Later on completion of more than the required "Ops" he was taken off flights and has since served as an instructor in England. He went overseas as a sergeant and rose in less than two years to the rank of Squadron Leader.

Brief Items of Local Interest

WREN (P) Lillian Braunwarth of St. Hyacinthe, Que., is renewing acquaintances here while a guest of Miss Lola Bateman.

An appeal to graduate nurses entitled "The People Ask" will be heard over station CFCN on Saturday, June 3rd from 9.15 to 9.30 p.m. Ask your friends to listen.

Cpl. Keith Fisher who has been home on spring leave, left Sunday to resume his duties in Newfoundland.

Mrs. Alma Synges of Calgary spent the weekend with relatives and friends in Vulcan and district.

Miss V. Mayor, formerly of the staff of the Bank of Commerce here for several years is visiting with friends in town.

Pte. W. A. Young of Nova Scotia but at present stationed at Currie in Calgary was a week-end visitor at the home of his aunt, Mrs. O. A. Craig.

Friends of Acl Stan Kettleston will be pleased to learn he has been posted to No. 19 S.F.T.S.

Const. and Mrs. D. Van Blarcom and baby daughter Maryl Win. of Hanna, were recent guests with relatives here. Mrs. Van Blarcom was before her marriage Miss Phyllis Denbigh.

Fgt./Lt. and Mrs. G. C. Thompson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on Sunday, May 28th.

Mrs. W. S. Hill accompanied her son Bill to Calgary at the week-end from where he left for further training in the R.C.N. at Cornwallis, N.S.

Mr. Jay Bowie and daughter June of the Valley accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bennet were recent district visitors.

Several friends of Mrs. George Pettman who leaves shortly for an indefinite stay at the coast, gathered at the Dawson home on Monday afternoon to wish her farewell. Assisting Mrs. Dawson as hostess were Mrs. W. D. Allen, Mrs. F. L. Simington and Mrs. G. M. Carson.

"Oil in Alaska," a recent book on sale locally, and dealing with the Canol Oil development is of particular interest here being compiled and written by E. V. (Vernon) Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amil Myers, pioneers of the Lake McGregor district. Born and raised here, Vernon attended the Brandon University, graduating in geology and obtaining his B.A. Later he took post-graduate work at the University of Alberta.

Mrs. Guy Denbigh was a recent Calgary visitor.

Miss Lillian Clark of Edmonton is spending a holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Clark.

Eugene Logan of Toronto, is at present visiting with relatives in the district.

F/O and Mrs. P. Dyck and children of Vernon, B.C. are at present occupying the Ron Thomas cottage in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Campbell have recently purchased the property known as the former R.C.M.P. headquarters.

Of interest here was the announcement in a Tuesday newspaper by Pte. and Mrs. Russel Carruthers, Calgary, of the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Mae to F/O Ralph Clark, D. F.C. The wedding will take place soon at Knox United Church, Calgary.

Mrs. Jerry Vian of Brant, is a patient in the Vulcan hospital.

NOTICE

The Salvage committee would like to draw the attention of all people of Vulcan to the collection of paper, rags and bones, by the school children.

Paper of all kinds is urgently needed and if you will save some and tie it securely in bundles of approximately 25 lbs., the children will collect it.

The boys will collect paper from the business section of the town, and merchants are advised that they will call every Monday starting June 5th.

At a meeting of the Salvage committee held last week, it was voted to give \$100 to the Red Cross Prisoner of War Fund and \$50 to the Salvation Army.

All money made by the committee is donated to war charities.

The field day held at Lomond school Friday last in which schools from the surrounding district took part was a huge success. The school buses provided transportation for all wishing to attend and the pupils and teachers gathered around the flag pole and started off the afternoon's program with some good school yells. A full program of sports attesting to much hard work on the part of both teachers and students was presented. The banner was won by Badger Lake school. Schools taking part and their teachers were: Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Fosmark, Enchant; Mr. Patworth and Miss Wythe, Sundial; Mr. Meldrum and Mrs. Jones, Travers; Miss Gibson, Bow City; Mrs. Eichorn Badger Lake; Mrs. Todd, Miss Brown and Miss Slater Lomond. The boys Scouts served "hot dogs" coffee and pie and a most enjoyable afternoon was reported.

K. Roy McLean, Optometrist of Calgary, will be at the King Drug Store, Vulcan, Tuesday afternoon, June 13th. No visit will be made in July. From Wednesday to Saturday, consult in Calgary office 1015 Southam Building.

Friends of P/O Arnold Gerding will be interested to know that he has been posted to Prince Edward Island for the present.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Price of Ensign on May 20, a son.

Navy League Asks For Ditty Bags

The Navy League is again appealing to the people of Alberta for assistance in their endeavor to supply comforts especially ditty bags to the men of the Merchant Navy.

Ditty bags are small bags packed with useful articles and are intended as gifts for the merchant seamen. It is hoped that in a small way they express the appreciation which all Canadians feel for the magnificent job being done by these men, who, without the stimulus of a natty uniform or military bands, daily face the perils of war at sea. The Merchant Navy delivers food and munitions of war to our own soldiers and those of our allies, besides countless other supplies to all the peoples of the United Nations.

That these bags are appreciated is amply proven by the number of "thank you" letters received by donors from the grateful recipients, letters which invariably tell of the tremendous lift which ditty bags give to morale.

The Navy League has discovered that ditty bags never lose their usefulness even when emptied of their original contents, as many of the men call them "Grab Bags" since they fill them with necessities and in case of having to abandon ship they grab these prepared kits and thus have some preparation for emergencies.

The bags are free to those who wish to fill them, and they, and any further particulars may be obtained by communicating with the Women's Auxiliary, Navy League of Canada, Southern Alberta Division, 12 Royal Bank Chamber, Calgary.

Our Foreign Trade

The importance of foreign trade in Canada's economy has been emphasized by Graham Towers, governor of the Bank of Canada before the house of Commons committee on banking and commerce. Canada depends on this trade for 30 percent of its national income. The export trade has been greatly increased through the stimulus of war. In recent statements J. A. Mackinnon, minister of trade and commerce, has pointed out that imports exclusive of gold export reached \$751,900,000 in the first three months of 1944 compared with \$550,200,000 for the same period of 1943. Canada was now the third trading nation in the world. During the war Canada had expanded her exports of the products of agriculture, industry of all kinds, her mines, forests and fisheries. Agricultural production has gone up 50 per cent. About 80 per cent of our export business may be classed as "war" business, and 20 per cent as "normal and permanent."

The mainstay of Canada's trade both during the war and before the war has been this country's trade with the United Kingdom and the United States. The United Kingdom has been the major market for Canadian products, and nothing should take precedence in postwar years of our efforts in the face of new conditions prevailing to preserve that market for the products of Canadian agriculture and industry, said Mr. Mackinnon. He hoped for release from barriers of the trade with the United Kingdom and the United States in post-war years, and for expansion of trade with other countries.

Death at Lomond Mrs. Frank Becker

Mrs. Margaret Emma Becker, wife of Frank Becker, passed away at Lomond very suddenly on the evening of May 21. She was 56 years of age, and was born in United States coming to Canada in 1912. In 1925 she married Frank Becker at Staveland and a year later they moved to Champion. It was in 1927 when they moved to the Lomond district where they have since resided. Mrs. Becker is survived by her husband and a sister in United States. Requiem mass was said by Rev. Father Ritter at the Catholic church, Vulcan, on Wednesday morning at 10.30. Interment was at Vulcan cemetery with the Snodgrass Funeral Home in charge.

ARMADA

Mr. and Mrs. L. Herman and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beagle and son, Garry, were Lethbridge visitors last week.

F/O and Mrs. Gain were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Howell.

Miss Helena Hardwick is a visitor at the home of Mrs. W. Marks. While here she is having the remainder of their furniture shipped to Calgary.

W. E. Howell, Divisional Trustee for Taber schools was in Taber last week.

Mrs. C. Allen and small sons are visiting at the home of Mrs. W. Marks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Birkenes were at Millarville last week when they attended the funeral of Mrs. Birkenes' uncle.

Friends of Florence Magnuson will be pleased to hear that she has returned to school in Calgary after her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Pierzon and daughter, Betty, were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Brotherhood.

BERRYWATER NEWS

On Sunday, May 28th, more than a hundred friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adam gathered at their farm to hold a picnic party in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. After an afternoon of games and visiting all enjoyed a picnic lunch served cafeteria style. Mr. L. A. Douglas, on behalf of those gathered presented the honored couple with a silver flower basket and a bouquet of red roses, commenting in his speech on the outstanding neighborliness of the recipients. Mr. Adams very appropriately responded bringing to a close a most pleasant afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Collier and family spent the week-end as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McIntyre. Sunday services at the Berrywater school conducted by Miss Pridham were well attended.

Friends of Mrs. W. Sharpe will be sorry to learn she is a patient in the Vulcan hospital.

Mr. Love, Miss Marjorie and Frank Love accompanied by Miss Jean Pridham were Calgary visitors the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Douglass and Bill McGuire of Nanton were guests in the district Sunday attending the anniversary party of Mr. and Mrs. Adam.

Miss Dorothy Adam, bride-elect of next month was honored with a miscellaneous shower when over 40 guests were entertained at the Adam home Thursday, May 25th. Games and contests were enjoyed by the ladies and prior to the serving of lunch Misses Phyllis Scotnie and Lorraine Campbell placed before the guest-of-honor a very prettily decorated tub, piled high with numerous gifts. Mrs. Roy McIntyre making a presentation speech. After the unwrapping of the gifts Dorothy very suitably thanked her many friends.

MAYVIEW NEWS

Mrs. Kilroe has returned to her home in Calgary after a visit spent with Mrs. D. Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stein, Melba and Mr. Allan Sinclair, were visitors to Calgary early in the week.

A large number of friends from Sandpit and Mayview districts, met at the Sandpit school Monday evening in honor of Loe David Corner who is leaving Tuesday to resume his duties at Rivers, Manitoba. The evening was enjoyably spent in playing bingo and after a delicious lunch was served to the ladies, Mr. Ed. Roebuck made the presentation to the guest of honor. David replied in a few well chosen words.

Miss Jessie Sinclair has returned to Calgary after a two week visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. Sinclair. Mr. and Mrs. J. Gerding were Sunday visitors to Calgary at the home of Pte. Lt. and Mrs. R. Ward.

KIRKCALDY

Mrs. R. Bond of Champion and Donald, and Donald Jr. of Calgary, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker.

Mr. S. Colwell was a Calgary visitor for a few days last week.

Miss Leone Brown left on Friday for her home at Laverne, Sask. owing to the illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilhite were visitors for a few days this week at Claresholm at the home of Mrs. Wilhite Sr.

Awil Gwen Williams who has been visiting with her family for the past two weeks, left for Eastern Canada on Wednesday. She was accompanied by her mother as far as Toronto, where she will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacDonald of Calgary, were visitors on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Maisey.

Mrs. L. Wilhite was a Calgary visitor on Friday.

A large crowd gathered at the Alston community hall on Monday night for a farewell party given in honor of Awil Gwen Williams who was leaving the latter part of the week for Eastern Canada. The programme sponsored by the Alston high school was greatly enjoyed. Games and dancing followed. On behalf of all present, Miss Marjorie Reath presented Gwen with a purse of money after which she expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation. A friendly lunch was enjoyed in the basement of the hall, bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.

KIRKCALDY W. I.

The Kirkcaldy W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Clements on May 25th with eleven members and eight visitors present.

The meeting opened by repeating the creed, saluting the flag and singing O Canada. The roll call was answered by a favorite poem and the raffle was won by Mrs. W. Todd.

It was decided to contact other Institutes to see about having a demonstration during the holidays and it was agreed upon to hold a musical festival between the Alston and Kirkcaldy schools during June.

Mrs. DeFrees gave an interesting "thumb-nail" sketch of "Paris Underground."

Mrs. G. Voisey, constituency convenor was guest speaker and her topic "For Home and Country" was greatly enjoyed. She also reminded the members about the forthcoming convention to be held in Champion community hall on June 27th.

Miss Dorothy Jorgens of Parkland, a former teacher of the Alston district, was also a guest speaker, talking on "The Navy League Art Show" which took place in Toronto some time ago. Miss Jorgens who has been attending art school in Toronto, was a very interesting and enthusiastic speaker.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Munro on June 22. The meeting closed by singing God Save the King" after which the hostess served a dainty lunch.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS

There was a good representation at the "Parent-Teachers' Association meeting held at the school May 28th. Games were arranged for the children after which a short program was enjoyed. After a brief business session, Mrs. Schroeder gave a thorough and detailed outline of the "Enterprise" course for division 1 and 2. Coffee and sandwiches were served at the close of the meeting.

LADIES' MISSION CIRCLE

The Ladies' Mission Circle of the Church of Christ met last week at the home of Mrs. Norma Love, with an attendance of ten members and two visitors. Hymns were sung and scripture read. Arrangements were made to meet later at Mrs. C. Shimp's home to quilt. The secretary was asked to write a letter to the matron of the Municipal Hospital offering the Circle's services to help with the sewing and mending.

Money was turned in covering a quilt which was sold recently. Several articles were sold out of the travelling basket.

A financial report given by the secretary, Mrs. Norris, showed a balance of \$26.05 in the treasury.

Mrs. Cotten offered her home for the next meeting. Lunch was served by the hostess.

RED CROSS NOTES

The regular monthly meeting of Vulcan and district Red Cross Society will be held in the Legion hall, Wednesday, June 7th at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

Mrs. Jack Marshall, secretary of the local Red Cross Society would like on behalf of the recent Blood Donor Clinic, to thank the staffs of our local drug stores for their assistance in keeping records of citizens who wish to donate blood.

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OUR WAR

PERIODICALLY there are letters appearing in the daily papers protesting that Canadian newspapers carry an amount of news about Canadian military action, disproportionate to the part that Canada is actually playing on the Allied front. They complain that the general over-all picture and the part that others are taking is sacrificed in order to glorify Canadians. A critical study of the Canadian daily papers does not seem to justify this criticism. They appear to be doing their conscientious best to provide competent, reliable information on all phases of the war and on all fronts and to cover it objectively and as completely as space allows.

Everyone recognizes that numerically, the Canadian troops are a very small part of the huge forces engaged in action. But in relation to population they represent boys from a great majority of homes in Canada. For that reason their every movement is of primary importance to Canadian readers. In the vast war front their part may not loom large, but they are doing it heroically to the limit of their numbers and powers, and they are our own home boys. We want to hear first and most of their achievements and their fate. This is natural.

And if Canadian papers do not tell the story, who else is going to, in any intimate way? If we laud our own Canadians we do no more than any other country.

The British nurse the tradition of Tommy Atkins as the world's best fighting man. The Americans are convinced the American soldier is tops. We have no reason to doubt that our Canadian boys measure up to anything other countries can produce. So long as a country does not brag offensively and concedes heroism wherever it may be found, it does no harm to take a peculiar personal pride in one's own.

For long months past the R.C.A.F. has been acquitting itself gloriously. The Canadian army has identified itself with several outstanding achievements in Italy. Our boys of the Navy are the "silent service" patrolling the seas since the outbreak of war. We are with these boys in thought wherever they may be, and our measure of the war is not in terms of immensity, but rather what is happening one boy, or two or a score with whom we are specially concerned.

When Denton Massey commented in the House of Commons recently that from his observation Canada seemed to be living in a gay and gilded age as 1929, instead of as a nation at war, he reached conclusions too quickly. He admitted that his observations were limited to Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal where the likelihood is that he moved in gilded circles. But to look into the bleak, haunted eyes of Canadian parents whose sons are now in Italy, or prisoners of war or reported missing would prove to him that Canada is not a land of carnival, but a land of families suffering silently under the sacrifice, apprehension and losses of war. It may not show at first glance but it is there.

It is true that those coming to Canada from England see only the surface, the brightly lighted cities, the well stocked shop windows, the plenitude of food. These are blessings which we enjoy but for which we need not be reproached. No country chose to be bombed, nor offered itself a sacrifice purely to preserve any other country. We are deeply aware of the ordeals which we have been spared, but that is a matter of geography and proximity for which we are not blame worthy, so long as we have done what we could to relieve the lot of those fully exposed to war's horrors.

Canada is at war, and few homes but are paying the price of war. The heart of Canada is centred on the boys overseas, confident that they will reflect honor on their native land. Inevitably we are concerned with the whole panorama of battle, because only through the complete picture can we bring all elements into true focus. But if our most ardent wish is to read about Canadians in action are we to be blamed. They are our boys from our own Canadian homes.

Beneficial Rains Cover the District

Rain has been a welcome experience of the past week, and the ease and frequency with which it has fallen has relieved to some extent the convictions that this is to be a drought year. The quantity of rainfall has been variable, most moisture having fallen in the vicinity of town. In town upward of 1½ inches fell during the past six days in a number of showers, the heaviest rain having been Sunday night and resulting in 37 added to the rain gauges. Blackie, Mazepa, Aldersyde, Cayley, Brant and areas to the west have all had showers, but it is said that none of these have resulted in any large total of precipitation.

However the entire district shows the benefit of the needed moisture. Grain is coming well, and pasture fields have got a new start. The countryside looks beautiful. Trees are well advanced for this time of year, and gardens are getting a good start.

Soviets Planning New Modern Cities

Raymond Davies writing in Toronto Saturday Night says it is almost impossible to conceive the immensity of problems facing Soviet industry and architecture in connection with reconstruction. Whole cities have been levelled in some areas. In the Ukraine, Kiev, Kharkov, Poltava and others have been ruined. Leningrad lost apartments sufficient for 500,000 people. Stalingrad was even more cruelly destroyed. Russia must build housing for at least 25 million people.

Alabayan, head of the Soviet Academy of Architecture, sees the development of a great modern building industry. There may be temporary structures suitable for 5 or 10 years of immediate use but these will be replaced by permanent buildings. The first problem of the academy will be to catalogue all needs of post-war building in terms of Western construction development such as thin walls, radiant heating, air conditioning, sanitary equipment, refrigeration, etc. The second problem is not only to rebuild what has been ruined but to introduce an era of better construction. The insistence will be on roomy residences and communities, with parks and verdure. There are already worked out sixty general plans for homes, large apartment buildings, communities residences, and later on will come single family cottages.

Finally there must be an army of trained architects and construction workers. Since all buildings in Russia are owned by the state or by an industry or co-operative the architect is employed by the state.

Plans now engaged in war industry can be readily adjusted to many phases of housing construction.

The plans for Stalingrad are bent on removing some of the central eyesores of the city. It will follow the contours of the old city, removing its defects. It will stretch along the Volga for 32 miles but will be at no point more than two miles wide. Three wide horizontal boulevards connect the three sections of the city, one set aside for rapid transit. Each section has its own shopping and recreational centre. The whole city will be surrounded with greenery to break the sand of winds from the steppes.

Similar plans are in progress over Russia and Alabayan insists that Canada and United States can do much to help by giving industrial and technical assistance, and by providing materials and products.

PERTINENT TOPICS

DISCUSSED BY H.C.

It is well to warn against a return to these things not because it is a return to a power bloc or power politics but because it is not. It would be more appropriately called a toothless bloc or powerless politics. When Hon. J. L. Macdonald warned a French society against it he meant no reflection upon his father who was a moving figure in those days. He was only trotting out the bogey to frighten his audience and give a boost to the government at Ottawa which was in raising spectres to scare the uninitiated. A power bloc is the only sure guarantee against violence and aggression and all are hoping that it will comprise Britain, the United States, Russia and China.

The farewell speeches of the Dominion leaders made the world believe that the conference was a signal success and that the great harmony had prevailed, whereas the jubilant tone of the speeches was necessary to obscure the fact that they had done nothing but trick and had arrived at no decision because one or more had objected. The ambiguous, meaningless, impractical resolution on which they had unanimously agreed discloses eloquently their failure to agree on the points at issue raised by Lord Halifax, Field Marshal Smuts and Hon. John Curtin and they failed because Canada dissented. That failure has to be plucked over with words on which they could agree because they are only words. They could not venture even on details.

Stands Canada where she stood? Precisely. She pins her faith on a phantom shape, something like the League of Nations, and she will subscribe and send delegates, but will be as free as ever to dodge economic sanctions or military commitments. Neither Britain nor the enemy will know until the next war breaks out what stand, if any, she will take. She would not trust herself to decide agreement with the other dominions and the United Kingdom, but appeared willing to do so if Patagonia, Morocco, Portugal or what have you would join in too. Apparently the addition of other countries would take away the aspect of a power bloc and the smell of power politics.

Mr. Davis, the Canadian High Commissioner to Australia, made a public statement in Sydney in which he takes a stand in favor of Mr. Curtin's position against that of Mr. Curtin to whose government he is accredited. He is against any federation of the Empire and declares that the essence of Commonwealth strength lies in the freedom of each unit to make its own decision. Mr. King should write him in this strain:

"Thanks for taking my side. It shows commendable loyalty to your benefactor which I appreciate, but it is in such striking contrast to the stand taken by the British High Commissioner that I fear it may invite comment. If you cannot agree with the stand taken by Australia it would be well for you to remember that you are a guest there and should not criticize your host even indirectly."

The decision of the Communist party not to put a candidate in the field but support Roosevelt is important enough to ensure his election. Those who might be swayed by the influence of Communists and their fellow travellers are as strong in the U.S. as they are in Canada and we learned to respect their influence here at the time of the plebiscite on conscription. The Ottawa strategists felt they could submit it and urge an affirmative vote and see it shelved for good as a political issue by the popular vote, but only in one province was it defeated. Where they miscalculated was in the support it received from the Communists because in the meantime Hitler had attacked Russia. The war that they said was "imperialistic" and "capitalistic" suddenly became a war for the preservation of liberty. The friends of Russia organized and worked harder than any other party in Canada to get an affirmative majority.

The C.C.F. will learn that they made a tactical error in excluding Communists now called Labor-Progressives from their membership and councils. They are greatly incensed in one city constituency where the L.P.'s have nominated a candidate although there is a C.C.F. candidate in the field. It seems unreasonable to exclude them from the C.C.F. ranks and then find fault with them for choosing candidates of their own.

In Gaffard's biography of Scouts a story is told which shows how long-headed Oom Paul Kruger was. A burglar who had deposited a hundred pounds in gold with an hotel-keeper in Johannesburg was denied the money when he went to claim it. He consulted Kruger who told him to deposit another hundred in the presence of two witnesses. Then he alone, said Kruger, and claim it. He will give it to you because he knows you have witnesses. Go again next day with your two witnesses."

Church Notes

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Rev. John L. Wright, Minister. Divine worship every Sunday 11 a.m.; Sunday school 12:15 noon; evening service 7:30 p.m. Everyone including strangers and visitors and persons in uniform are cordially welcome.

Services in Brant United Church every Sunday morning at 11, after the Sunday school, and at Bearwater every Sunday at 3 p.m. conducted by one of our student missionaries, Miss Jean Pradham from the University of British Columbia. Everyone welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lord's Day services as follows: Bible School, 10:30 a.m.; Lord's Supper, 11:30 a.m.; Evening Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Young People's, 8:30 p.m. Week Prayer meeting on Wed. night at 8 in the parsonage.

School of Systematic Bible Study daily from June 11th to the 25th, led by Mr. Ross Hollister. Keep these dates open & plan to attend all the lectures. You will enjoy them.

ANGELICAN CHURCH

Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. every first and third Sunday of each month in the St. Aldhelm's church.

SERMONETTE

The following is from the personal testimony of Lt.-Gen. Sir W. S. Dobson, Commander of Amint:

"I gladly give my testimony to the saving and keeping power of God in Christ. I came to know Him as my Saviour 47 years ago and all through my military service to the present day He has been my Saviour and Lord. Although I have often and often been unfaithful to Him, yet He has never been unfaithful to me, nor has He let me down. I have always been sensible of the fact that my sins which were forgiven me when I first accepted Him as my Saviour, were blotted out once for all, and that in spite of my failures I have become a new creature in Christ Jesus. That realization has given me a profound peace which none of the circumstances of my life, in peace or war, have been able to disturb."

"I should also like to testify that to serve God and to follow Him is a very real and practical thing in the army. The help He gives is also real and practical as I bring all problems to Him, both great and small, both professional and private and the help He gives is certain and convincing."

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LOST—Between Melver's house and the Red & White Store, 2 Inventory Stock Sheets attached to large spring clip. Finder, please leave with A. Melver.

Helicopters were used for the first time in Allied landings in North Burma.

United States Senate has passed a bill to simplify income tax payments. Taxpayers earning less than \$5000 will fill out only four lines. The full liability against the \$5000 will be withheld during the year.

Harold Bell Wright, author of "Shepherd of the Hills," died on May 25th.

A determined effort was made by representatives of all parties to have made public the inner reserve figures. G. M. Zarubin, Russian ambassador to Canada, has been given enthusiastic welcome at Ottawa.

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See your local Treasury Branch Manager... SOON!



G. Davies, Local Mgr.

One of the bogies with which some politicians scare timid folk is that a strengthening of the British Commonwealth means a return to a "power bloc" or "power politics." The things that alarm them are mis-called by such names. The U.S. had pulled out of the League of Nations; France was willing to be tough and Britain was restraining

her because Britain herself next to France, was the country that would have to bear the greater burden. She was severely censured in Canada and the U.S. for this but at that time she could not rely even on Canada to support her in rigorous action against aggression and she is being warned now that that aloofness holds for the future as well.



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Allied forces are said to be within 16 miles of Rome. The main avenue of retreat for the Germans on the centre of the Italian front has been cut off. American tanks and planes have been destroying towns a few miles south-east and south-west of Rome. The British Eighth Army coming from the southeast have been making rapid gains, and to the north are cutting an alternate escape route of the Nazis. Three German divisions of about 45,000 men were destroyed in effectiveness. Canadian troops of the British 8th Army, from the Liri river to advance into the town of Ceprano, thus cutting off retreat to the south. There is no indication that the Germans intend to abandon Rome, and Allied air scouts report heavy Nazi reinforcements filling roads north of Rome and moving south.

The past week has also seen one of the greatest concentrations of air strength ever sent against the Nazis. 600 tons of bombs from over 30,000 invading Allied planes have been pounding factories, railways and industrial centres.

On May 30, U.S. bombers 2200 strong hammered aircraft factories in Poland and Germany. RAF and RCA F night raiders preceded the daylight attack striking at German occupied areas.

Russians are preparing to synchronize great movements with the "D" day of allied land invasion of Europe.

The outer fortress of Japan in the Pacific is being steadily pounded to pieces. China has suffered reverses in the past week, but progress has been made against Japanese Pacific bases; and raids on Marcus Island are continuing close to Japan.

Action on the Burma front will soon be disrupted by monsoons, and it may be next fall before large scale attack is launched.

The British fleet has apparently gained mastery of the Arctic ocean to Russia, and has been sweeping the seas in the shadow of the Norwegian coast. RAF and RCAF aerial attacks

by carrier and land bases have been made on German bases in Norway. The fleet is said to be in excellent shape for the invasion tactics.

The Canadian corps, fighting for the first time at full strength on one front, has distinguished itself on the Italian front. One point of penetration, forming the spearhead of advance, was at Pontecorvo. Here the Hitler line was at its greatest depth with barb wire entanglements 20 feet deep, infested with mines, body traps and pillboxes.

Allied forces of American, British, French and other troops have linked together in the great advance, and Allied headquarters announced that the Canadian corps had greatly distinguished itself in the simultaneous attack against the formidable Hitler line. The speed of the Canadian advance overwhelmed the Germans. This is the first time that the deeds of an all-Canadian formation was recognized specifically since the first great war. Canadians were led by Lt. General Burns of Quebec, Ontario. Maritime, Western Canadian and French speaking units figured in the action. This is much the same formation as held the Adriatic line north of Ortona during the winter.

After a long period of indecision in Italy, the Allied troops in Italy are driving forward in a combined onslaught on Rome. Linked by patrol spearheads, the forces consolidated their forces along a line extending from Pontecorvo to the mouth of the Tiber. Action has been raging for almost three weeks.

The American wing with the greatest concentration of tanks since the last battle into town after town. The powerful British 8th Army pounded forward under a deluge of bombs. Eastward from the American forces they tore through the ramparts of the Hitler line, fanning out across the Sacco Valley. Many German prisoners were taken and there was much loss of equipment.

Britain's Wheat

(Lethbridge Herald)

Britain's production of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat yearly has been secured at a very considerable cost. Whereas the Canadian Government was paying our farmers money a couple of years ago to reduce wheat acreage, in Britain the Government, facing a desperate wheat shortage owing to the U-boat campaign, was subsidizing the British farmer to the tune of \$20 an acre to get him to grow more wheat. On a 20-bushel per acre yield that is at the rate of 68 cents an acre, which is more than our farmers were getting for their wheat when the war broke out.

When peace returns and the shipping lines are reopened to peace-time trade, wheat will go back to his grazing lands and raising beef and mutton and milk and eggs and the other luxury foods which go along with the loaf of bread to make up a balanced diet. The British consumer is not going to pay the prices for his bread just to have the satisfaction of saying he is eating a "national loaf."

The famous Quints were 10 years old on May 28. Although no more rated as front-page news, they still get about \$30,000 a year and have \$1,000,000 in government bonds—just for being born in quantity.

The joining up of British and American forces at the conclusion of the over-powering Allied action marked the end of the fight for the Anzio beachhead after four long months. This Anzio beachhead was established on January 22.

At the successful completion of the Anzio struggle it was estimated that the Germans had lost ten divisions. The heaviest obstacles toward reaching Rome were cleared in this action.

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all the stores looked like "fire" sales... with people scrambling to buy before prices went still higher...



panicky people were buying things they didn't need, and hoarding everything they could get their hands on...



I dreamed that everybody had to fight to get more money... and that in this mad race, wages and salaries were falling behind.



I dreamed the hand of everyone was against his neighbour, with each of us blaming the other fellow for his troubles.



with everybody for himself... no matter what it cost in the long run... and no matter how it hurt the war effort.

THEN... THANK GOODNESS — I WOKE UP!



to realize with relief that I live in a country where things are sane and stable... where the cost of living has been kept within bounds.



to realize that prices and wages—production costs and selling prices—are inseparably linked together.



to realize that without the safeguards that have headed off inflation, my nightmare might have become a reality!



to remind myself that the danger is still pressing and that we must continue to hold firm... and that means everybody must play fair and do his part by not trying to get some temporary, fancied advantage at the expense of his fellow-Canadians.

This advertisement is one of a series being issued by the Government of Canada to emphasize the importance of preventing further increases in the cost of living now and deflation later.

Moisture Used In Growing Wheat

(Searle Grain Co.)

Since 1936 the Searle Grain Co. has conducted detailed investigation into relation between annual rainfall and annual yields per acre, using records that go back in some instances for 50 years or more.

Under average western Canadian conditions it takes from 20 to 30 tons of water to produce a bushel of wheat.

Average summerfallow conserves probably about five inches of moisture. An additional 1.5 inches is conserved during the fall immediately preceding the crop. The average rainfall for the growing season April 1 to July 20 is approximately 8 inches. Therefore an average summerfallow field should normally have available 14.5 inches for the use of the growing crop.

Winter snowfall usually adds but little to moisture reserves. In some years there are exceptions, if snow is before freeze-up or if the soil thaws early in the spring. These conditions occur frequently in Peace River area.

The roots of the wheat plant extend ordinarily to a depth of 5 or 6 feet in the soil.

By harvest time a crop of wheat, whether on stubble or summerfallow, has usually completely exhausted moisture to a depth of 5 or 6 feet.

Rain falling on the soil tends to move quickly downward. It penetrates more quickly when the soil is moist. The downward movement becomes slower with depth.

Once rain has penetrated 3 or 4 inches, atmospheric conditions seem unable to remove the moisture. It is then apparently only given up through the medium of roots of growing plants.

In showers of less than a quarter inch, quite a percentage is quickly evaporated into the atmosphere. There is a certain amount of loss by evaporation in every rain.

Weeds also steal a percentage of moisture that otherwise would go to grain. Yields may be reduced this way from 17 to 20%.

Wheat plants do not seem to be injured directly either by hot temperatures or drying winds. It is the lack of moisture that damages the plant. Crops that are irrigated, for instance, do not suffer under very adverse conditions of heat and dry winds.

Also contrary to general opinion, hot drying winds do not seem to tap up moisture from the soil, the reason being that the top two or three inches is already dry, and moisture below that is safe from heat or wind.

Until the wheat plant is from 6 inches high, it uses relatively little moisture. From this time on, until about the last week in June, the daily use increases. From April 1st to June 30, the plant normally has used much less moisture than on the average fall. Therefore, a reserve has been built up for use later. At the end of June, however, until July 1st, the use of moisture by the plant proceeds at almost incredible rate. The crop during this short period utilizing all the moisture the soil has previously stored up, and the yield per acre appears to be, in general, in proportion to the amount of moisture that has been available to the crop. From all this we learn that deficiency of

SHUR-GAIN News OF THE WEEK

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Wednesday, June 7th.

Commencing at 11 a.m. sharp, the following goods and chattels:

MACHINERY—22x36 I.H.C. Tractor on rubber, completely overhauled; 20x44 Oliver Tractor, 1938 model, good condition; 1940 Allis-Chalmers Combine; Large quantity of blinn. Repairs (new); 20 ft. Holt Caterpillar, good condition; 12 ft. Oliver Down Grain Reel, good as new; 10 ft. Minn. Tiller, almost new; 12 ft. Minneapolis Disc, nearly new; 10 ft. I.H.C. Power Binder; 16 ft. Minn. Luller, almost new; 24 ft. Duplex Channey Weeder and Tractor Hitch; practically new; 20 ft. Nichols & Sheppard Header attachment for combine; I.H.C. Wheatland Plow, 9 ft. Seeder Attachment; new discs last season; 16 in. Massey Harris Walking Plow; J.D. 28 ft. Grain Loader, comp. with 3 1/2 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse Engine; Garden Scuffer; 2 Wagon Gears; No. 3 McCormick-Deering; Wheatland with seeding attachment, 24 in. disc, good shape; 15 Barrel Water Tank and Wagon; 12 ft. I. H. C. Header, comp. with Tractor Hitch and Barge; 8 ft. McCormick Binder; 14 Section Diamond Harrow and Hitch, in good condition; 2 Wagon Gear and Racks; Potato Digger in good shape; Grain Tank and Wagon Gear; 2-Horse Cultivator.

20x36 Allis Chalmers Tractor and 32x56 J. I. Case All Steel Separator complete with all belts including 150 ft. 9 inch 5-ply Drive Belt in running condition. This outfit is located 10 miles East, 3 miles South of Carstairs on the farm of J. Sautter. Bids received by mail. Usual price will be made known day of sale.

Gurney Oxford Steam Heating Plant, complete with 14 Registers. Steam heating pipes and Fairbanks-Morse Electric Coal Stoker. Located in Vulcan. Bids received by mail. Reserve price made known day of sale.

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MILO NEWS

Alternative Routes Suggested. Is Little Town Doomed? Paratrooper Lyndon Malcolm Home. Gardens, Crops and People

There is considerable agitation afoot to have something done about a gravel road from this district. The district has been settled since 1906 and there are no doctors, dentists or hospital services available in less than thirty to forty miles. When it rains one has better remain well or else. Three alternative routes are suggested. One going north would require only about fifteen miles of gravel to connect with the Indian coal mine road. Another would be to gravel the seventeen miles west connecting with the Lethbridge-Calgary road and the other would be through Queenstown, Shoultice and Arrowwood, following the route taken by the bus and truck services. This would probably serve the greater number of people.

Is the Little Town Doomed?

During the past few months we have had occasion to pass through and make a study of a number of little towns in Southern Alberta. We have been amazed and appalled at the number of abandoned homes deserted stores and places of business that once bustled with industry. Now they are either forlornly empty or boarded up and filled with wheat. What is the underlying cause of it all. Is it because these places of business were starved out in the depression and that so far there has been no normal recovery. Is the cause traceable to war and the resultant depletion of population? Can it be attributed to the greater opportunities offered by the city in a more abundant way of life, greater ease of living, more conveniences, greater leisure, shorter hours and greater opportunities for the education of the young? Is it because of the depleted rural population, small farms abandoned due to unsatisfactory economic conditions, and these holdings acquired by big farmers who feel that the solution to these economic conditions is in acquiring more land and bigger machinery to operate it. Should the present trend continue, the rural districts of Southern Alberta will consist of a dozen or so land barons isolated in their own little kingdoms. Small towns can only exist by serving a rural population. If it is necessary to farm huge holdings, either it was a mistake to open this land for agriculture in the first place or a more diversified farming policy must be pursued. Whatever the cause the result is to be regretted. Paucity of population retards or denies many forms of progress. Many little towns no longer teach the higher grades and parents migrate to larger educational centres. Stores cannot stock large reservoirs of supplies, the demand is too small. Good roads are too costly for the number of people served; telephone and rural delivery service become out of the question.

Is this exodus from the little town a passing phase or is it permanent? Will they come back? Their need and their usefulness cannot be denied. How many farmers would care to farm thirty miles removed from a town if the little villages were entirely eliminated? It is a big problem, a problem to be kept in mind by soldier settlement boards, by immigration officials and all who take an interest in the future developments of our country.

Paratrooper Lyndon Malcolm, of Shilo, Manitoba is home on leave. He has already four parachute jumps to his credit and is an interesting conversationalist. When asked to describe the sensation of leaving a plane he suggests that there is none. The officer of the day walks out of the plane first and is followed by his men. The parachute opens automatically and you are borne earthward like a flea on a thistle-down. If the day is calm you land gently, if it is windy, it is like a jump from a house. No sensation, eh! Just like stepping from your front door. By the way, I wonder who I can get to paint my roof this summer?

Speaking of gardens, crops and things, did you hear the story of the high pressure fertilizer salesman who approached an Irish farmer engaged in the homely art of spreading manure? Said the salesman "Pat your way of farming is back-breaking, out of date and unnecessary. I can sell you a commercial fertilizer that you can carry enough in your one vest pocket to fertilize an acre." "Sure," replied Pat. "Me brother down in Ontario tried that. He carried the fertilizer out to the field in one waistcoat pocket in the Spring and that fall he got a crop in, in the ither vest pocket."

The crops are looking fine. There is abundant moisture for the present time. The perfumed air is balmy, sweet with growing flowers, charmed by the hum of bees, the song of birds. In fact were it not for the Hungarian partridges eating my lettuce, I could say with the poet "God's in His Heaven—All's right with the world."

A delightful shower was held at the home of Mrs. Roy McIntyre in honor of Dorothy, daughter of Roy and Mrs. Adams. Miss Adams was the recipient of a number of useful and beautiful gifts, presents of the large number of friends in attendance. She made a most suitable reply and the evening was spent in games and social activities. Dorothy will be married on June 9th to Mr. Louis Palmer of Reid Hill. Best wishes of the community go to the young couple.

A New Brit. Empire

(Stettler Independent)

At the close of this war there will be a new British Empire. Its centre may still be in England, but its circumference will include Dominions which are self-governing nations in their own right, and which have been tested and not found wanting in the crucible of war. They will be united with each other and with Russia and the United States by a world-wide system of air transportation. They stand at the threshold of a great future, lacking only adequate population.

The present conflict has shown conclusively what the Dominion of Canada can do when it is impelled by a world-wide war. It has stopped at nothing and its financial system has been expanded automatically to take care of all expenditures, which, after all, are invested in war equipment that are blown away at the rate of millions of dollars every day that the war lasts. If it can pour millions of dollars into destruction, what could it not do after the war to build up a commonwealth of reconstruction, when it is building for all time?

Canada today stands on the threshold of its future as a great nation. But it will have to make its choice, whether it will be a big country for the few or a big developed country for the many. The tide of emigration can be absorbed for its own development, or it can be allowed to build up another similar new country like Siberia.

If we have statesmen like we have had in the past, we will have the same kind of country with sparse population, and a big public debt—a country ripe for the exploiters, adequate for the monopolists but not to be compared as a nation with the populous republic to the south of us. The United States became a great nation because it looked after its own immigrants and because it took in the most vigorous representatives of European countries and allowed them to work in freedom with all other men of good will.

Prairies Enrich Machine Factories

From 1938 to 1943 Western Provinces Bought Over 153 Millions Worth of Machinery

Trade Minister McKinnon, answering a question of J. G. Diefenbaker, M.P. said that in the years 1938 to 1943 inclusive the three prairie provinces bought farm machinery to the amount of 153.4 million dollars. The other provinces altogether in the same period totalled 94 million. The machine companies can have no doubt as to the source of their revenue.

Implement sales reached a peak in 1941 before restrictions went on. In 1938 Alberta bought the most of any province, spending 9 million. In 1939 Alberta again held first place with over 9 million. In 1940 Saskatchewan took first place buying to the extent of 15 million, with Alberta second at 10 1/4 million.

In 1941 Ontario moved up to first place with 14 million, Saskatchewan came next and Alberta third. The year 1942 was about the same, but there was a drop all round in 1943. Saskatchewan led in that year with \$7.7 million; Ontario and Alberta were second with 6 million.

The same relative standing was maintained in sale of implement parts. Saskatchewan led at all times in purchase of parts with Alberta coming second.

Unreasonable!

(Windsor Star)

The Government is, after all, the group placed in control of the affairs of this country at the desire of the people. By virtue of its position, it must accept responsibility for the leadership of the nation and for the formulation of policies. It is subject to blame for its shortcomings, but it is, by the same token, entitled to credit for what it does that is right.

Nor should it be overlooked that, since the war began, the Government has been accorded a new mandate of the citizens. This was certainly an expression of continued confidence. Whether that confidence has since been lost can be decided only by another vote, and this will come in due course.

In the meantime, the unreasonable, destructive attacks which are being launched against it are doing no one any good. Their sole effect is to slander the country.

Our faults are rarely as obnoxious as our efforts to explain them.

Mrs. R. O. Bertrand spent a few days with relatives in Calgary.

Mrs. Thomas Beckner of Lethbridge and her family were visitors at Mrs. Ruth Beckners.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dawson of Calgary were week-end visitors at the home of William and Mrs. Holton.

A large picnic was held on Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winkler of Dalemend. About forty friends were in attendance.

Mrs. Harry White of Queenstown is vacationing for the next month in Vancouver visiting friends and relatives there. She travelled by plane from Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Malcolm recently received a Christmas parcel from their son Hughie of the R.C.A. F. This parcel was purchased in Edinburgh and mailed in supposed time to reach Alberta for Christmas. If these parcels could only talk what tales they could tell.

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